

Amendment No. 2 to HB0459

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 456

House Bill No. 459*

by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 6 is amended by adding the following as a new appropriately designated section:

Section 37-1-617.

(a) The council of juvenile and family court judges is authorized to establish and administer a program to reimburse counties for the costs associated with inpatient mental health evaluations and examinations conducted on juveniles charged with an offense which would constitute a felony if committed by an adult. Such a program is subject to available state funding and may include full or partial reimbursements to counties for the costs of inpatient mental health examinations or evaluations ordered by a juvenile court judge, as well as the costs of transportation of such child for a mental health examination or evaluation. The program may also include reimbursement to counties for costs of detention incurred pursuant to § 37-1-116(f) for the purposes of obtaining an outpatient evaluation or examination at a detention facility located in another county.

(b) The council may adopt rules and regulations governing such a reimbursement program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.